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**Moving on Up: Bright from the Start offering  
Pre-K Summer Transition Program**

***Program targets rising Kindergarten students who did not attend  
Pre-K or need additional support***

**ATLANTA, Ga., (March 12, 2012)** – Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning has announced a six-week Summer Transition Program for rising kindergartners who either did not attend Georgia’s Pre-K or Head Start, or attended but need additional support to be ready for Kindergarten next Fall. The program is targeted for children whose families are eligible for Child and Parent Services (CAPS) which is administered by the Department of Human Services.

“This is a great opportunity for these young students to refresh their skills and build their confidence before moving up into kindergarten,” said Susan Adams, assistant commissioner for Georgia’s Pre-K, part of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. “Unfortunately funding for the program is limited so it is targeted for specific counties.”

The counties include Baldwin, Bulloch, Calhoun, Chatham, Clayton, Clinch, DeKalb, Dougherty, Emanuel, Fulton, Glynn, Hart, Jefferson, Lowndes, Macon, Murray, Muscogee, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Screven, Spalding, Sumter, Toombs, Twiggs, Wayne and Whitfield.

More details are available at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/PreKProgramChanges.aspx>

**About Bright from the Start**

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia's children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia's Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers federal nutrition programs, and manages voluntary quality enhancement programs.

The department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to [www.decal.ga.gov](http://www.decal.ga.gov).

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